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Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday



Congratulations to Davi Rae, daughter of Jason and Bridget, who was recently baptized in Wichita!

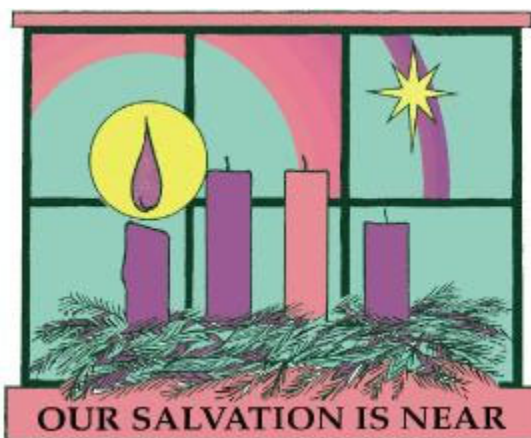
Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am in English,
12:30pm in Spanish

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm

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Mass times



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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for November 28-December 2, 2016

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Tom Gudenkauf
Wed.	8am	†Mabel Hopkins
Thurs.	8am	†Lewis Proctor
Fri.	8am	†Jim Ohnemus

Saturday, December 3, 2016

4:00pm Intentions of Ed Fenske

Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:00am	†Gloria McLaughlin
10:30am	†Marjorie Rhodes
12:30pm Spanish	Intenciones de la Familia Parroquial

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

- †Tom Gudenkauf, husband of Judy Gudenkauf
- †Victor Cornejo, primo de la Familia Cedillo
- †Mabel Hopkins, mother of Sandy Flynn
- †Lewis Proctor, husband of Emie Proctor
- †Thomas Harley Jr, family of Hilda Alvarado
- †Nicholas Harley, family of Hilda Alvarado
- †Leah Harley, family of Hilda Alvarado



Calendar/Faith Formation

Sunday, November 27 - Domingo, 27 de Noviembre

Christmas Light Recycle
 10:30am Rite of Acceptance
 1:30pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
 7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Monday, November 28 - Lunes, 28 de Noviembre

10:00am Uplift Meal Prep.
 4:00pm Uplift
 5:30pm Marian Prayer Group
 7:00pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 29 - Martes, 29 de Noviembre

7:00am Youth Prayer Group
 10:00am Post-Election Conversation with Fr. Jeff
 7:00pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
 7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Wednesday, November 30 - Miércoles, 30 de Noviembre

9:00am Legion of Mary
 7:00pm Post-Election Conversation with Fr. Jeff
 7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Thursday, December 1 - Jueves, 1 de Diciembre

9:30am Quilters
 7:00pm RCIA/RICA
 7:00pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe

Friday, December 2 - Viernes, 2 de Diciembre

9:00am Altar Society Cleaning
 7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines
 7:00pm Ensayo—Las Posadas

Saturday, December 3 - Sábado, 3 de Diciembre

Christmas Light Recycle
 3:00pm Confessions
 7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

Sunday, December 4 - Domingo, 4 de Diciembre

Christmas Light Recycle
 Donut Sunday—2nd Grade
 9:00am PSR
 9:00am Parents Lounge
 11:00am Escuela de Religión
 1:30pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
 7:00pm Guadalupe Novena
 7:00pm High School & Confirmation
 7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Getting to Know Your Faith

This year, the St. Sabina Adult Faith Formation Team is offering a series called “Getting to Know Your Faith.” Many Catholics see the need for growing in their faith by exploring the richness of the tradition and wisdom that has been handed down to us from those who have gone before us. Taking seriously Vatican II’s call to form people into “full, conscious and active” participants in their faith lives, we are offering these sessions to provide another avenue of continued growth in our faith.

Every third Monday of the month, from 7-8:30 PM, we will explore a different topic together that will help us in getting to know our faith better. We will not meet in December. The next session will be:

Jan 23, 2017– Dialing Down the Heat (on Climate Change)

The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate of St. Sabina Parish. To register, please contact Biagio either by phone at 816-979-3153 or by e-mail at biagio@stsabina.org.

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

For the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 8th we will have two Masses. We will have a morning Mass at 8am in English and an evening Mass at 7pm which will be bilingual. Please note that our Guadalupe Novena will be at **8pm** that day.



Pictured above, the Knights of Columbus presented a check to the Special Olympics of Missouri. These funds were raised at their annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament.



Parish Happenings and Information

Christmas Caroling

The Ladies Auxiliary will be Christmas Caroling in December. If you're interested in joining them, or need more information, contact Nancy Meiron at 816-820-6109 or lennan7328@sbcglobal.net

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Each weekend of Advent, members of the parish are invited to help light the candles of the Advent Wreath during the entrance procession of each Mass. If you would like to light a candle, please sign up for a date and Mass time on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the Mass for which you have signed up. You will process in with Father and the servers, light the candle(s) for that week and then be seated in your pew. If children would like to help light a candle, we ask that a parent please assist them. Contact Susan Ratigan with questions or to sign up. susan@stsabinaparish.org

Guadalupe Celebration

We invite you and your family to our parish celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 12th:

6:00pm: Re-enactment of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

6:40pm: Matachines Dancers

7:00pm Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00pm: Fiesta/party



Post-Election Discussions

Fr. Jeff would like to encourage all to go to our website www.stsabinaparish.org and watch the video of the John Allen lecture on the Pope Francis Effect and the 2016 Elections. We will then have discussions here at the church during the Advent season on what we can do to foster change in attitudes. We are tentatively scheduling Tuesday morning, Nov 29th at 10am, and Wednesday evening, Nov. 30 at 7pm.

Recycle your old,
non-working
Christmas lights!

The St. Sabina Green Team is offering 3 opportunities for parishioners to recycle their old Christmas lights again this year:

November 26/27
December 3/4
January 7/8

El Equipo de Ecología de Sta. Sabina está ofreciendo 3 oportunidades, otra vez este año, para que los feligreses puedan reciclar sus luces navideñas descompuestas:

26/27 de Noviembre
3/4 de Diciembre
7/8 de Enero

Recicle sus luces
navideñas
descompuestas!

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Nov 30	8:00am	St. Sabina (5th Wednesday)
Dec 7	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Dec 14	10:00am	Rehabilitation of Raymore
Dec 21	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

Grieving a Loss Through the Holidays

- Allow yourself to feel your emotions on that special day, don't feel that you need to just "get over it." You may want to write your feelings down in a journal.
- Take time with family and friends and share memories of your loved one that died.
- Light a candle in honor of your deceased loved one. Set a picture out and tell stories of his or her life.
- Don't avoid long-standing traditions. Children often find comfort in them. On the other hand, new traditions say you are still a family.
- Be open to good experiences that the holidays may bring.

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list contact Marta Roper in the parish office. 816-979-3154.



Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca	Frances DiGeorge	Alice Miller
Belen Antillon	Patrick Dull	Elvia Mora
Dick Armstrong	Butch Ford	Sherril Nevins
Marilyn Avalos	Fr. Paul Frank	Johnnie Nicholes
Suzie Ashbaugh	Dick Garnier	Jane Nouryeh
Polleth Bautista	Cristian Garcia	Vicki Owen
Yesika Benavides	Nicholas Geridano	Leon Palomares
John Bidondo	Wendy Gomez	Gary Palmer
Allie Biondo	Lucy Harlan	Thelma Palmer
Joe Birkenbach	Devin Thomas Harley	Connie Read
David Bland	Laverne Harlow	Noah Stanley
Carol Bland	Connie Harper	Leo Storm
Yolanda Blanks	Jason Hart	Jim Storm
Hilda Burchett	Jeanette Hart	Ruth Tayler
Christine Carr	Cherie Hatfield	Angel Thomas
Rick Castenada	Bob Heffernan	Nancy Torres
Shirley Castor	Darlene Henderson	John Vigil
Barbara Clark	Essie Humbird	Bob Westfall
Virginia Coday	Kelly Jordon	Mary Westfall
Steve Collier	Bertha Kramer	Marie Wilburn
Joseph Coots	Kelsey Krum	Ben Winter
Phil Cummings	Debbie Locke	Brenda Winter
Donna Dailey	Jo Locke	Merle Woolworth
Paul DeMar	Joe Malena	Truly Wright
Doris Deschenes	Dick Martin	Emy Yeater
Richard Deschenes	Dodie Maurer	Carmitia Yust
Nolan Dickerson	Bob McDonald	Pablo Zayas
	Denise Mehlo	

Anointing of the Sick?

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive Anointing of the Sick, let Fr Jeff know before the Mass you attend and he will be glad to anoint you after Mass. If you would like to schedule it in advance or make an appointment for a weekday, contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Wellness Center

Is Your Child Getting Enough Rest?

By the time children reach adolescence, they may begin sleeping less-but homework isn't the only culprit. In a recent poll, 16 percent of kids said they woke up to send or read texts and e-mails.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>HOURS OF SLEEP MOST KIDS ARE GETTING</u>	<u>HOURS OF SLEEP THEY NEED</u>
6-11	9 or MORE	10-11
12-14	8	9-10
15-17	7 OR LESS	9-10

LULLABIES AREN'T JUST FOR BABIES-Before you hit the sack, cue up a soothing playlist. Research in the International Journal of Nursing Studies found that when insomniacs listened to relaxing music for 45 minutes prior to bedtime, they spent more in REM sleep. Rock-a-bye-baby ZZZzzzz.

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	CLOSED for carpet installation
Tuesday:	CLOSED for carpet installation
Wednesday:	CLOSED for carpet installation
Thursday:	CLOSED for carpet installation
Friday:	CLOSED for carpet installation
Saturday:	CLOSED for carpet installation



Area Information

Advent Penance Services

Our Penance Service at St. Sabina will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm. Other area services will be held as follows:

-Nov 29	St. Matthew	7pm
-Dec 2	St. Catherine	7pm
-Dec 11	St Thomas More	2pm
-Dec 13	St Sabina	7pm
-Dec 15	St Bernadette	7pm

Support Our Seminarians Benefit Dinner- Jan27

The 24th annual Support Our Seminarians Benefit Dinner is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. It is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers this year, Fr. Richard Storey, who is currently the pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Leawood, and Cruz Gallegos, who is a senior at Conception. SOS will be held at Union Station, 30 West Pershing Rd, KCMO. The reservation price is \$175 per person with 10 seats per table. To reserve your place, or an entire table, contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com. Check out the new website at www.supportourseminarians.com.

Contemporary Spirituality Speaker Series

Impact of Personal Spirituality on the Parish Community

Fr. Don Farnan

Tuesday, December 6th—at Avila University, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Fr. Farnan, ordained in 1987, is pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. After graduating from Rockhurst College, he received a Master of Divinity from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Chicago, and a Master in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University. He has served as pastor of several parishes, most recently St. Thomas More. Diocesan positions in which he served are Director of Vocations, Director of Priest Personnel, and the College of Consultors. He established the Upper Room, an inner city literacy program for youth and their families. He is author of: *Crossroads of Hope: A Priest's Inner (City) Journey*; *This Bold Prayer: A Collection of Spiritual Essays*, and *A Parish for all Seasons: A Year in the Life of Saint Thomas More School*.

happy birthday

Theresa Ailshire	Victor Guerrero	Leonardo Ortega
Tailer Armenta	Ryan Hale	Zugey Ortega
Leonardo Arreola	Ryan Heffley	Michelle Owens
Teresa Arroyo	Erick Hernandez	Rachael Palmer
Nancy Baker	Lucas Hernandez	Eddie Palomares
David Barberis	Daniel Hintz	Jacqueline Parker
Matalin Barberis	Samantha Hoffman	Jennifer Parker
Sheila Birkner	Barbara Hopkins	Jaime Perez
James Boike	Theresa Howard	Joel Pina
Arturo Borja	Braxton Hoyt	Preston Pointer
Doug Butscher	Chance Hummel	Elisabeth Quiroz
Guadalupe Campos	Clara Jakobe	Jaiden Rewald
Brandon Carmona	Nadia Jimenez	Teresa Richardson
Manuela Carrasco	Nick Lager	Rubi Rios
Judith Carrera	Clemente Landa	Javier Rivera
Barbara Clark	Sydney Latham	Tiffanie Rodriguez
Gerardo Coreas	Erin Lowther	Andrew Rogers
Emily Cortes	Jaimy Mackedanz	Virginia Rojo
Jonathan Cruz	Melvin Marquez	Omar Sanchez
Jorge Damian	Leonardo Martinez	Ron Schock
Wendy Duran	Ryan Martinez	Benjamin Sell
Yennifer Escobar	Tim McDonough	Krissy Sellmeyer
Yan Garcia	Ana McIntosh	Nikolas Shelley
Austin Gardiner	Karla Menjivar	Kathryn Stewart
Al Gebauer	Isabel Messer	Marjorie Storm
Dennis Glaser	Patrick Murphey	Jovel Tobias
Aaron Goldsmith	Fidencio Navarro	Collin Wall
Julio Gracida	Ruben Oropeza	

Happy Anniversary

Richard and Kathleen Owen	54 Years!	12-01-1962
James and Rose Wall	52 Years!	11-28-1964
John and Debbie Borgman	36 Years!	11-28-1980
David and Melody DeRosear	27 Years!	12-02-1989
Victor and Alma Duarte	23 Years!	12-04-1993
Clemente Landa and Azucena Abonza	22 Years!	12-03-1994
Transito Vides and Mercedes Rosa	21 Years!	12-01-1995
Jonathan and Kristian Rayos	21 Years!	12-02-1995
Omar and Marissa Carbajal	19 Years!	11-28-1997
Raymond and Carol Miederhoff	15 Years!	12-01-2001
Adalberto Rivera and Antonia Rivera	10 Years!	11-29-2006



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities



Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, please contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry

is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. Our next cooking date is November 28th.



Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area.

Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. Our next date is December 15th, 6-8pm. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. Our next volunteer date is December 21st. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

PSR News

- The Parish School of Religion will be closed the weekend of November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Our next Donut Sunday will be December 4th and the 2nd grade will be hosting. Please send your little helpers to the donut table after the 8am and 10:30am masses to serve our parish family.
- December 11th is our Teachers Breakfast for all of our PSR Teachers, Youth Leaders and Peer Ministers at 8:15am.

Longview Lights Trip! On December 7th our junior high youth will drive out to see the beautiful Christmas display at Longview Lake. This is a special event that requires each student to bring a permission slip. Because of the drive and time it takes to tour the lights, we will leave at 7pm and return around 9pm.

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. **Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and**
2. **Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and**
3. **After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.**

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

High School Youth! Our December 4th meeting is a service project night! Please bring items for the homeless so that we can prepare Christmas care packages. Items would include travel size toiletries, hand and foot warmers, individually wrapped snacks (beef jerky is a favorite), bottled water, can openers, matches, candles, mini flashlights and anything else you can think of that would be a welcome gift.



Youth are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings at 7 for breakfast and prayer before school!



Stewardship

“For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!”
Isaiah 2: 3-5

Peace produces hope and hope produces peace. That is the feeling we are seeking at this time, as we prepare to declare “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.” The eminent French author Alexandre Dumas (who wrote *The Three Musketeers* and *The Count of Monte Cristo* among others) once wrote, “All human wisdom is summed up in two words: wait and hope.” Is that not what we do during Advent? — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

November 20th Contributions

Due to early bulletin deadlines the contributions for November 20th will be listed in the December 4th bulletin.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Thanks to the 68 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). So far we have received \$10,760.00 in pledges and contributions, which is about 57% of our parish goal. We are trying to achieve 100% participation; about 5% of our families have made a contribution thus far.



Got Leaves?

The Community Garden would like your bagged leaves for mulch and compost. Call David Pierce at 816-392-1110 to schedule a pickup.

Chiefs Raffle Tickets for El Salvador Students

Please help Fr. Jeff make the most of his very generous donation of Chiefs season tickets by purchasing a chance to win tickets to the game. Each chance costs \$20 and the seats are located at Section 101, Row 27, Seats 11 and 12.

We are selling chances for the following games:
Thursday, December 8th, 7:25pm, Los Angeles Raiders
Sunday, December 18th, Noon, Tennessee Titans
Sunday, December 25th, 7:30pm, Denver Broncos

You may purchase a raffle ticket to one of the above games at any time. To purchase a raffle ticket, please contact either Fr Jeff or Kris and let us know which game you'd like to purchase the raffle ticket for.

Again, please help Fr. Jeff raise funds to send our El Salvador scholarship students to college. Without our help they will not be able to get an education and their families will continue to live in poverty.

Jesse Tree

This year our Jesse Tree will be starting on the weekend of November 26/27. This is what we will be collecting each week:

- ❄ **Nov 26th and 27th**
Toys (unwrapped)
- ❄ **Dec 3rd and 4th**
Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc.
- ❄ **Dec 10th and 11th**
Canned and non-perishable food items
- ❄ **Dec 17th and 18th**

Second collection for Religious Retirement

Thank you for your generosity in our Jesse Tree collections this year!

Community Garden Raffle



Our Community Garden committee is selling chances to win a beautiful painting of Pope St. John Paul II. They will be selling raffle tickets from November 26 to December 12th and will hold the drawing on Monday evening, December 12th. Each raffle ticket costs \$5 or you can purchase 5 tickets for \$20. For more information,

please contact David Pierce at 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose at michelle-a-rose@att.net.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Contribute to Giving Tuesday instead of Cyber Monday so your gift supports your values and improves the world. (<https://www.givingtuesday.org/>)

Reflection on the Readings



Happy New Year of Grace. Today begins a new liturgical year. With the new liturgical year, our lectionary

shifts from Year C to Year A, focusing on the gospel according to Matthew. The liturgical color for the season has traditionally been violet, because the season was understood to be modeled on the Lenten penance season. However Advent is not primarily a season of penance but rather of joyful expectation and anticipation of the Lord's presence in our midst as a full human being. To emphasize this difference in tone between Advent and Lent, the Advent color manifests a more bluish tone, either bright blue or royal blue.

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming." The Advent season celebrates various "comings" of the Lord. Three comings of the Lord are usually specified: the Lord's coming at the end times; the Lord's coming as one of us at the Incarnation; and the continual coming of the Lord in our daily lives. Advent challenges us to prepare for the Lord's multiple comings into our lives. The readings offer us various suggestions for such preparations.

Psalm 122 invites all to "go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." House is not so much a building as it is an attitude of receptivity to wherever and however the Lord becomes present. Such receptivity allows us to enter into deeper relationship with God by

enabling us to attune ourselves to what the Lord expects of us. Receptivity to the Lord engenders a deeper awareness of the Lord's presence that is to be cultivated and nourished. In so doing, we prepare ourselves to experience the Lord's presence and to rejoice in that presence no matter when the Lord comes.

Isaiah provides a vision of what the Lord's house will be like in the messianic times. Symbolized by Jerusalem's temple mount, all will stream to the Lord's house to learn how to be people of peace and justice. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks." To do this, all need to walk in the light of the Lord. When the Lord comes, will peace and justice be evident among us?

Paul in Romans advises us "to awake from sleep...and put on the armor of light...put on the Lord Jesus Christ." Each Advent season provides another opportunity "to throw off the works of darkness...and conduct ourselves properly as in the day..." During Advent, we are continually challenged to attune ourselves to the presence of the Lord, hopefully leading us to put on Christ as the shining garment in our lives.

The gospel from Matthew warns us to be prepared and ready for the Lord's coming at the end times by staying awake, for we do not know the day or the hour. We must be like Noah who, in being attentive to the Lord and the signs of the times, was not surprised but rather found himself ready for what was to come about. The rest were totally taken off guard and thus could not prepare themselves for what befell them. The Advent season liturgically prepares us for attunement to the Lord's coming with experiences of joyful hope and anticipation.

This Advent, how will you prepare for the Lord's coming? We know that the Lord has already come and is with us now. We celebrate this at Christmas and at every Eucharist. But how alert are we to that presence? What difference does that presence make in our lives? How are we putting on Christ in our waking hours? Will others be able to tell that we are people committed to peace and justice?

This Advent, prepare yourself for the Lord's coming by committing yourself to one concrete act of justice. Let that be your Christmas gift to the Lord.

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, November 27

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Sunday, December 4

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (7)

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on December 11th and 18th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



Feliz Año Nuevo de la Gracia. Hoy comienza un nuevo año litúrgico. Con el nuevo año litúrgico, nuestro leccionario cambia del Año C al Año A, centrándose en el evangelio según Mateo. El color litúrgico para la temporada ha sido tradicionalmente violeta, porque la temporada se supone que se basa en la temporada de penitencia Cuaresmal. Sin embargo, el Adviento no es ante todo una época de penitencia, sino más bien una expectativa alegre y anticipación de la presencia del Señor con nosotros como un ser humano completo. Para destacar esta diferencia de tono entre Adviento y Cuaresma, el color del Adviento manifiesta un tono más azulado, ya sea azul brillante o azul real.

Adviento proviene de la palabra latín *adventus* que significa "venir". La temporada de Adviento celebra varias "venidas" del Señor. Generalmente se especifican tres venidas del Señor: la venida del Señor en los últimos tiempos; La venida del Señor como uno de nosotros en la Encarnación; Y la venida continua del Señor en nuestra vida cotidiana. El Adviento nos desafía a prepararnos para las múltiples venidas del Señor en nuestras vidas. Las lecturas nos ofrecen varias sugerencias para tales preparativos.

El Salmo 121 invita a todos a ir alegres a la casa del Señor. La casa no es tanto un edificio como una actitud de receptividad a donde quiera y como sea que el Señor se haga presente. Tal receptividad nos permite entrar en una relación más profunda con Dios al permitirnos sintonizarnos con lo que el Señor espera de nosotros. La receptividad al Señor engendra una conciencia más profunda de la presencia del Señor que debe cultivarse y alimentarse. Al hacerlo, nos preparamos para experimentar la presencia del Señor y regocijarnos en esa presencia, no importa cuándo venga el Señor.

Isaías provee una visión de cómo será la casa del Señor en los tiempos mesiánicos. Simbolizado por el monte del templo de Jerusalén, todos fluirán a la casa del Señor para aprender a ser gente de paz y justicia. "De las espadas forjarán arados y de las lanzas, podaderas". Para hacer esto, todos necesitan caminar en la luz del Señor. Cuando el Señor venga, ¿será evidente la paz y la justicia entre nosotros?

Pablo, en Romanos nos aconseja "que se despierten del sueño ... y se revisten con las armas de la luz... Revístanse más bien, de nuestro Señor Jesucristo". Cada temporada de Adviento ofrece otra oportunidad "para desechar las obras de las tinieblas ... y comportarnos honestamente, como se hace en pleno día". Durante el Adviento, estamos continuamente desafiados a sintonizarnos con la presencia del Señor, ojalá resultando en revistarnos de Cristo como el vestido brillante en nuestras vidas.

El evangelio de Mateo nos advierte que estemos preparados y listos para la

venida del Señor al final de los tiempos, permaneciendo despiertos, porque no sabemos el día ni la hora. Debemos ser como Noé que, al estar atento al Señor y los signos de los tiempos, no se sorprendió, sino que se encontró preparado para lo que iba a suceder. Los demás fueron totalmente desprevenidos y por lo tanto no podían prepararse para lo que les había sucedido. La temporada de Adviento nos prepara litúrgicamente para la sintonía con la venida del Señor con experiencias de esperanza y anticipación alegre.

En este Adviento, ¿cómo se preparará para la venida del Señor? Sabemos que el Señor ya ha venido y está con nosotros ahora. Celebramos esto en la Navidad y en cada Eucaristía. Pero, ¿qué tan alertas estamos de esa presencia? ¿Qué diferencia hace esa presencia en nuestras vidas? ¿Cómo estamos revistiéndonos de Cristo en nuestras horas de vigilia? ¿Serán los demás capaces de ver que somos personas comprometidas a la paz y la justicia?

Este Adviento, prepárese para la venida del Señor comprometiéndose a un acto concreto de justicia. Que esto sea su regalo de Navidad al Señor.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 27 de Noviembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 2:1-5

Salmo: Salmo 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 13:11-14

Evangelio: Mateo 24:37-44

Lecturas del Domingo, 4 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 11:1-10

Salmo: Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 15:4-9

Evangelio: Mateo 3:1-12

Ministerio Juvenil

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría traer comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4º o 5º Lunes de cada mes, por favor, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts! Este ministerio está abierto a todos los feligreses mayores de 14 años. Los voluntarios deben reportarse a la bodega de Uplift a las 5pm y se terminan a las 9:30pm.

Cocineros de Uplift! Cualquier persona que le gustaría ayudar a preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar está bienvenido a unirse a nuestro equipo en el 4º Lunes de cada mes a las 10am en el gimnasio. Le recomendamos que traiga un cuchillo y pelador de verduras buenos. El próximo día de cocinar es el 28 de noviembre.

Harvesters! Este banco de alimentos local proporciona alimentos a las familias necesitadas de todo el área de KC. Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a organizar las donaciones de alimentos y para preparar bolsas de comida para fines de semana para niños en nuestra comunidad. Vamos a llevar un grupo de 5 personas en el tercer Jueves de cada mes. Nuestra próxima fecha es el 15 de diciembre de 6-8 pm. Si desea ser voluntario, llame a o mande un correo electrónico a Kirstie en la Oficina de la Juventud.

Comidas Comunitarias La Iglesia Luterana Lord of Love ofrece una comida gratis a la comunidad cada miércoles a la cual usted está invitado. Cada tercer miércoles del mes voluntarios de Sta. Sabina ayudan a preparar, servir y limpiar en un esfuerzo de trabajar junto con otros cristianos para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo. Nuestra próxima fecha como voluntarios es el 21 de diciembre. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150

Noticias de PSR

- La Escuela Parroquial de Religión estará cerrada el fin de semana del 27 de noviembre por las vacaciones de Acción de Gracias.
- El 11 de Diciembre es nuestro Desayuno de Maestros para todos nuestros catequistas y líderes de los jóvenes a las 8:15 am.

¡Jóvenes de la High School! ¡Nuestra reunión del 4 de diciembre es una noche de proyectos de servicio! Por favor traiga artículos para la gente desamparada para que podamos preparar paquetes de cuidado de Navidad. Los artículos incluirían: artículos de tocador del tamaño viajero, calentadores de manos y de pies, los bocadillos envueltos individualmente (carne de vacuno espasmódica es un favorito), agua embotellada, abrelatas, cerillos, velas, mini linternas y cualquier cosa que usted puede pensar que sería un regalo agradable.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es victima de abuso sexual, o si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimias, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes o niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

¡Luces Navideñas de Longview! El 7 de diciembre, los jóvenes de junior high irán a ver la hermosa exhibición Navideña en Longview Lake. Este es un evento especial que requiere que cada estudiante traiga una hoja de permiso. Debido al tiempo que tarda en recorrer las luces, nos iremos a las 7 pm y volveremos a las 9 pm.



Los jóvenes están invitados a unirse para un desayuno y oración los martes a las 7am, antes de la escuela!



Corresponsabilidad/Información

Campaña Católica Anual

Gracias a las 68 familias que han contribuido a la Campaña Católica Anual (ACA). Hasta ahora hemos recibido \$10,760.00 en promesas y contribuciones, lo cual representa aproximadamente el 57% de nuestra meta parroquial. Estamos tratando de lograr el 100% de participación; Alrededor del 5% de nuestras familias han hecho una contribución hasta el momento.

Rifa para los Becados en El Salvador

Por favor, por favor ayude al P. Jeff a sacar el máximo provecho de su generosa donación de boletos para los Chiefs, mediante la compra de una oportunidad para ganar entradas de un juego. Cada oportunidad cuesta \$20 y los asientos se encuentran en la Sección 101, fila 27, asientos 11 y 12.

Estamos vendiendo oportunidades para los siguientes juegos:

Jueves, 8 de Diciembre, 7:25pm, Los Angeles Raiders

Domingo, 18 de Diciembre, al mediodía, Tennessee Titans

Domingo, 25 de Diciembre, 7:30pm, Denver Broncos

Puede comprar un boleto para el sorteo de uno de los juegos anteriores en cualquier momento. Para comprar un boleto para el sorteo, por favor comuníquese con Kris o el P. Jeff para hacerlos saber para cual juego desea comprar el boleto.

Árbol de Jesé

Este año nuestro Árbol de Jesé comenzará el fin de semana del 26 y 27 de noviembre. Estas son las donaciones que recibiremos cada semana:

❄ 26 y 27 de noviembre

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❄ 3 y 4 de diciembre

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Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. Infórmate.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: Llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151 Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia en St. Sabina se llevará a cabo el martes 13 de diciembre a las 7pm. Otros servicios del área serán los siguientes:

- Nov 29 San Mateo 7pm
- Dec 2 St. Catherine 7pm
- Dec 11 St Thomas Más 2pm
- Dec 13 St Sabina 7pm
- Dec 15 St Bernadette 7pm

Celebración Guadalupana

Les invita a usted y su familia a nuestra celebración parroquial en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el lunes, 12 de Diciembre:

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6:40pm: Danzas de los Matachines

7:00pm: Misa en su Honor

8:00pm: Fiesta



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